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## Notes and Comments.

On the 16th instant Bro. Calvert crossed the sixty-first milestone of his life.

Brother H. R. Holsinger has added P. M. to his name, which means Post Master.

The EVANGELIST free to the end of the year to new subscribers for 1894 upon receipt of \$1.50.

For some reason unknown to us the remainder of the minutes of the national conference does not come.

Elder J. Myers, formally of Ripon, California, should now be addressed at Dimond, Alameda Co. same state.

Upon her return home to Birmingham, Ala., Sister Lottie Lint found both her parents very sick with slight hopes of recovery.

M. M. Negley of Lordsburg, California, has ordered his paper sent to Rosena, California. This means one more family added to Orange Park colony.

Brother Holsinger was visiting with the Miller family at San Jose the 12th instant, not having returned to Southern California since his campmeeting work at Ripon.

Pastor Bashor and family, with their friends, spent the week ended our hearts by spending an evening with us last week.

"Oh, the good we all may do While the days are passing by."

Brother Bashor had expected to preach for the Tama county brethren last Monday night, but the train he expected to take was laid off that day and this he did not learn until too late to get another.

Bro. Geo. A. Copp, of Virginia, writes us that the churches in his district are better organized and in better condition than they have ever been before. A working church and close organization go hand in hand.

According to previous arrangement the editor has been assisting the Brethren in Tama county in a meeting since the 20th inst. He reports much interest and zeal for the cause by the members and a very hopeful outlook for substantial growth in members. Every family represented in this congregation is a subscriber to the EVANGELIST.

"Is water baptism essential to salvation? If so, why so; if not, why not?" will be Pastor Bashor's subject for discussion in the College chapel Sunday evening. At Enon in the morning the subject will be "What we Need—Why do we Need It?" The pastor earnestly requests the presence of every friend and member of the church who can possibly attend. Matters of importance will be considered.

From a personal letter to us by Bro. Holsinger we glean the following:

Brother P. S. Garman is an extra good preacher. He is pointed, practical, eloquent and commendably brief.

Bro. John Nicholson is here and expects to stay.

Bro. J. A. Rhodes, of Peabody, Kan., is here and will remain over winter. Also Bro. Miller from Sumner county is here visiting but will return in a week or so to tussle with cyclones awhile longer.

Rather an unusual amount of space is given to the "King's Children" department this week. But it is no more than is profitably occupied. The day is passed in many localities when you can expect large gatherings to the church from the heads of families. Where the young people are today is where the church will be found tomorrow. Oh, may God make us skilful in winning the joyful and zealous youth to our fold. May the Brethren church be a true home to their souls. May each lawful desire and holy impulse meet with the deepest possible appreciation in all our congregation.

The EVANGELIST being largely the property of the conference, and editorially under its control, what could be more disloyal, unfaithful and dishonorable than to use its columns to defeat the expressed wish of its proprietors? To see that it was not so conducted an advisory board was created to see that the paper is conducted in harmony with the general sentiments of the Brotherhood as expressed by her legal representatives in national conference. No stronger reason could be given the Advisory board to interfere with the work of the editor than that he should admit to its columns matter adverse to the assembly who gave him his work; and if the editor should persist in such opposition to conference plans, said Advisory board would have no alternative but to remove him from the office he betrays.

As to discussing what our conference has decided, the columns of the EVANGELIST will be open to controversy a reasonable time before the next meeting at Ashland. To begin such discussion now would do much to cripple the success of the work of conference. Having had a fair chance with all others at conference to shape its policy and name its committees, we should now give our influence in favor of what has been agreed upon so far as it relates to mere policy. If upon fair trial adopted policies and plans prove unsatisfactory their previous friends and supporters will be glad to abandon them. It is also probable that if a discussion of these measures were started now they would drag through the entire year, and outside of the combatants be considered stale and nauseous.

The short article in this number from Sister Skinner is the pure cream of our opinion on the subject of the S. S. C. E. There is danger that the financial feature will absorb every other. This would be a calamity. There is no trouble in raising all the funds needed for legitimate church work wherever there are fully consecrated and Christed members. Purse strings open to the calls of Christ wherever he dwells in the heart. God is not only able, but will sustain His cause; but every institution of the church may not have the glory of God for its object, and it is absurd to think that He will prosper such. But are the best interests of the church subserved by fostering anything which does not have the blessing of God upon it? Such accessories are not necessary to add to the membership such as love the Lord; and every unconverted man or woman in the church is like just so much mud in the wheels of a wagon. They greatly add to the burden, without any compensating equivalent.

Death is always sad, but there are circumstances which make its sadness differ in degree. The death of Brother I. B. Lichty casts a gloom in many more homes than where he suffered and died. Not only a large circle of relatives mourn his death, but a much larger circle of friends to whom he endeared himself by deeds of kindness and unselfishness feel keenly the loss they sustain in his death. For three years Brother Lichty was the beloved and efficient super-

intendent of the Enon Sunday school. At the organization of the Illiokota mission, Bro. Lichty was elected a member of the board, and was re-elected at each meeting held thereafter until he felt that other cares made it impossible for him to properly discharge the duties incumbent upon him and he resigned. He has regularly taught school in a district adjoining his father's home for several years with uniform success. He was also an interested citizen in the government, always taking an active part in the canvasses made, but apparently with no aspiration for political honors for himself, having declined to be a candidate for county superintendent of schools just this fall, although his party had nominated him. He had identified himself fully, therefore, with the religious, educational, commercial and political interests of this community, and all feel a young man of real worth and much promise has been removed. To the dear members of the bereaved family we extend our deepest sympathy. We know that upon you the blow falls with cruel weight. No words which we may speak can supply the place of the dear son and brother who had lived to call his mother blessed. Bro. Bashor, assisted by Bro. S. H. Miller, conducted the funeral services in the First Methodist church. The audience was one of the largest ever assembled in this city on a funeral occasion.

Irvin B. Lichty, born March 11th, 1867; died October 20, 1893; aged 26 years, 7 months and 9 days. The bereaved family hereby express their heartfelt thanks to all the neighbors and friends for kind assistance during the sickness and in performing the sad rites of burial.

The following is clipped from the *Daily Courier*:

The funeral of Irvin B. Lichty took place at 1:30 yesterday afternoon at the First M. E. church, in this city, at 3 o'clock, conducted by Revs. Bashor and Miller. People began assembling at the church for an hour before the appointed time, and ere the procession had arrived from the house a large concourse of mourning friends had gathered. The audience room was reserved for the family, relatives and other mourners and they very nearly filled it up. It was one of the most largely attended funerals ever held in the city and showed with what high regard the deceased was held by our people.

The funeral was in charge of Undertaker Beck and Messrs. H. B. Horner, Norman Smith, Tom Heller, Fred Murphy, Will Nauman and Albert Brown, all young men, acted as pall bearers. Rev. S. H. Bashor preached an excellent sermon and spoke words of comfort and consolation to the grief-burdened family and relatives. He gave a brief resume of the life of the deceased and spoke of what a strong pillar he had been in the church, an active christian for several years back, entering the work of Christ when a mere youth. His mildness of temper, sweetness of disposition, uprightness in business and nobility of character will be potent forces in influencing the lives of his associates into right channels of living. Irvin was, for a number of years, the Orange township correspondent for the weekly *Courier* and his letters were always spicy. He almost invariably called at this office when in town and his presence was as a sunbeam.

The floral contributions were numerous and beautiful. One was particularly so, not so much of its intrinsic value, but because of the child-like love and affection which it typified. It was contributed by the pupils of the school two miles south of town, where he taught four successive winter terms. Music for the services at the church was kindly furnished by a mixed quartette, consisting of Messrs. G. W. and Art. Bunn and Misses Louis Campbell and Dora Deal.

There were fifty-two teams in the procession from the church to Elmwood cemetery, where all that was mortal of the beloved Irvin was laid to rest. Neither Cal. nor Bert could attend the funeral. Sickness in the family of the former prevented his attendance, and the latter was not

strong enough to be out. The family, in their multiplied troubles, have the condolence of all in their sudden affliction."

## THE DESIRED OBEDIENCE.

Brother J. O. Talley informs us that he will soon begin his paper on Baptism and that he will treat the subject as thoroughly as his time and means will permit. The first general heading under which he will treat the subject will be "The Rite in History," i. e. was it borrowed by John The Baptist from the Jewish proselytes of the Gentiles? Those who enjoy the advantage of an acquaintance with Bro. Talley know that he does not dodge obstructions while he holds to the handles of the polemic plow. He is not an "issue dodger" but always "faces the music" played for his especial benefit. We expect Bro. Talley to bring out the best literature yet published on the subject—both as to matter and arrangement. He has the benefit of all that has been written, and therefore his advantages are superior to any of his worthy predecessors who have discussed the subject.

We must be thoroughly taught on the great questions which formed the excuse for organizing the Brethren church. Only obedience from the heart fits a man or woman for Heaven or usefulness in the Kingdom of God on Earth. Such obedience comes only from an enlightened conscience. Submission from any other cause or motive than to obey the truth is the most sinful slavery and mockery that can possibly be imposed upon man. A unity which is only such by virtue of an ecclesiastical law, and power is as helpless before an assaulting foe as a regiment of prisoners when arrayed against those whose principles they fought to establish.

We do hope that the Brethren may never surrender the truth. We shall never avail with God, and our guns may never be used against anything but error, and that she may always rest her case with the evidence, that no one shall have anything to fear but the searching light of truth. Under such rule political wire pulling and ecclesiastical tyranny and corruption can never obtain a footing. Men of corrupt minds will find no room among us to play into the hands of Satan. Innocency, sincerity, true vital piety, and a simple obedience from conviction will be characteristics of our membership.

## BE CAREFUL.

Just at this time it seems to us that we need to exercise great caution. There has been an unusual stringency in finances in almost every locality where the Brethren church is represented. Unless we fortify ourselves against it this is likely to unnecessarily, though seriously, impair the efficiency of the church. It is an established fact that the majority of church members think that they must have their physical wants supplied but that they can get along very well without spiritual necessities. Therefore, when a survey of expenses is taken by a financially pressed brother or sister, with a view of eliminating that which can be easiest dispensed with, it is usual that the support to the church will be the first item cut off. Hardly an instance is on record where sinful indulgence has been diminished because "times were hard." The tippler drinks oftener and deeper, tobacco slaves chew harder and make the air darker with the fumes of the weed. Few are they who stop and honestly pay their toll at God's Harvest gates on the great turnpike from earth to Heaven; but this attempt to steal will all be telegraphed ahead, and before the last gate, opening into the great City of Eternal Deliverance from sin and sorrow, is opened, the last farthing will have to be paid. What an account some will have. Be liberal, generous and just with God, brother. By and by with the mighty and great, with the poor and despised whom you oppressed or neglected, you will stand to receive the most joyful message that will ever float on the still air of Heaven: "Come ye blessed of my Father; inherit the Kingdom." "You have been faithful over a few things; I will make you ruler over many."

But if you are unfaithful now the result will be that some very good men will be obliged to give up pastoral work, in part, or altogether. We know of a few who have already been driven to this step. In this we see great danger ahead of us. Although we do not anticipate that such a state will become general, it is nevertheless true that it is much easier to loose good men than to gain them; and it behooves the laity everywhere to double their diligence in order to save their pastors from being driven from ministering in spiritual things to laboring in carnal in order to provide "things honest in the sight of all men." Already, within the range of our acquaintance, not less than ten capable and most worthy ministers have been side tracked in order to provide for their own and not become worse than an infidel (2 Cor. 12: 14; 1 Tim. 5:8). We do not here have reference to those whose labor in word and doctrine has been a failure—those who were called to plow and not to preach—but to such as have proved themselves to be workmen "that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word," who have taken the oversight of the Church of God, not for filthy lucre's sake, but as those who must give an account as the stewards of souls.

To the laity who will let such men drop out of pastoral work we commend a careful reading of the following portions of G. V. word;

"Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days." "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give." "Heanswereth and saith unto them, he that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat let him do likewise." "Sell that ye have and give alms; provide yourselves with bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth." "And I say unto you, make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations." "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?" "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." "Charge them that are rich in this world that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate." "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." "There is that scattereth, yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him; but blessings shall be upon the head of him that selleth it." "There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing; there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches." "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts." "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." "But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound